

# AB 639 – Veterans Housing and Homeless Preservation Bond Act of 2014

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# Plan for Presentation

- USICH and Opening Doors
- Veterans Experiencing Homelessness: California National Data and Trends
- Federal Programs, Strategies, and Resource Investments



# Roles of USICH

- **Coordinates** the Federal response to homelessness
- **Maximizes** the effectiveness of 19 Federal agency partners
- **Shares** best practices
- **Drives** collaborative solutions



# Opening Doors

- ***No one*** should experience homelessness
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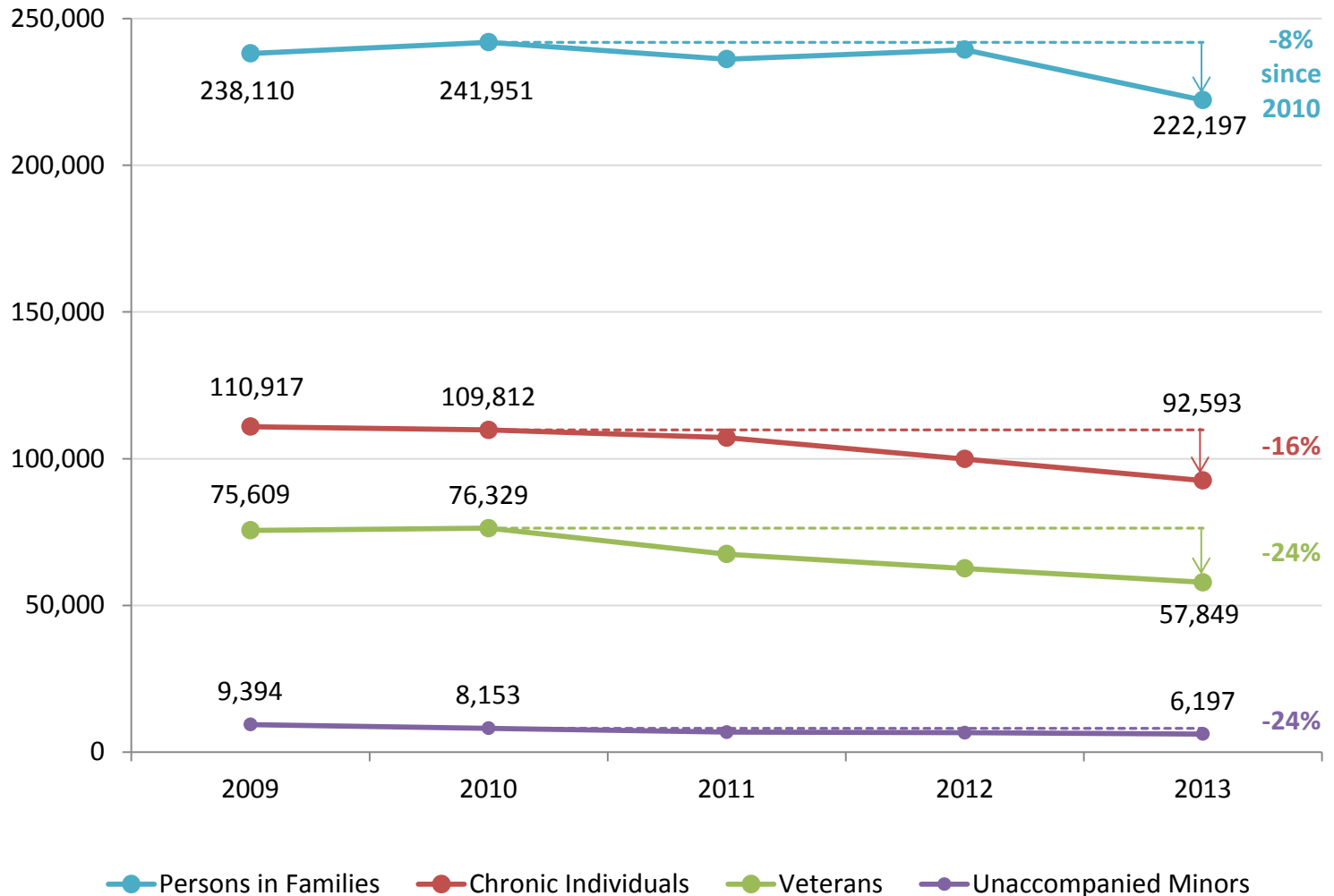


# Opening Doors

1. Finish the job of ending chronic homelessness by **2015**
2. **Prevent and end homelessness among Veterans by 2015**
3. Prevent and end homelessness for families, youth, and children by 2020
4. Set a path to ending all types of homelessness



# Point-in-Time Count Progress

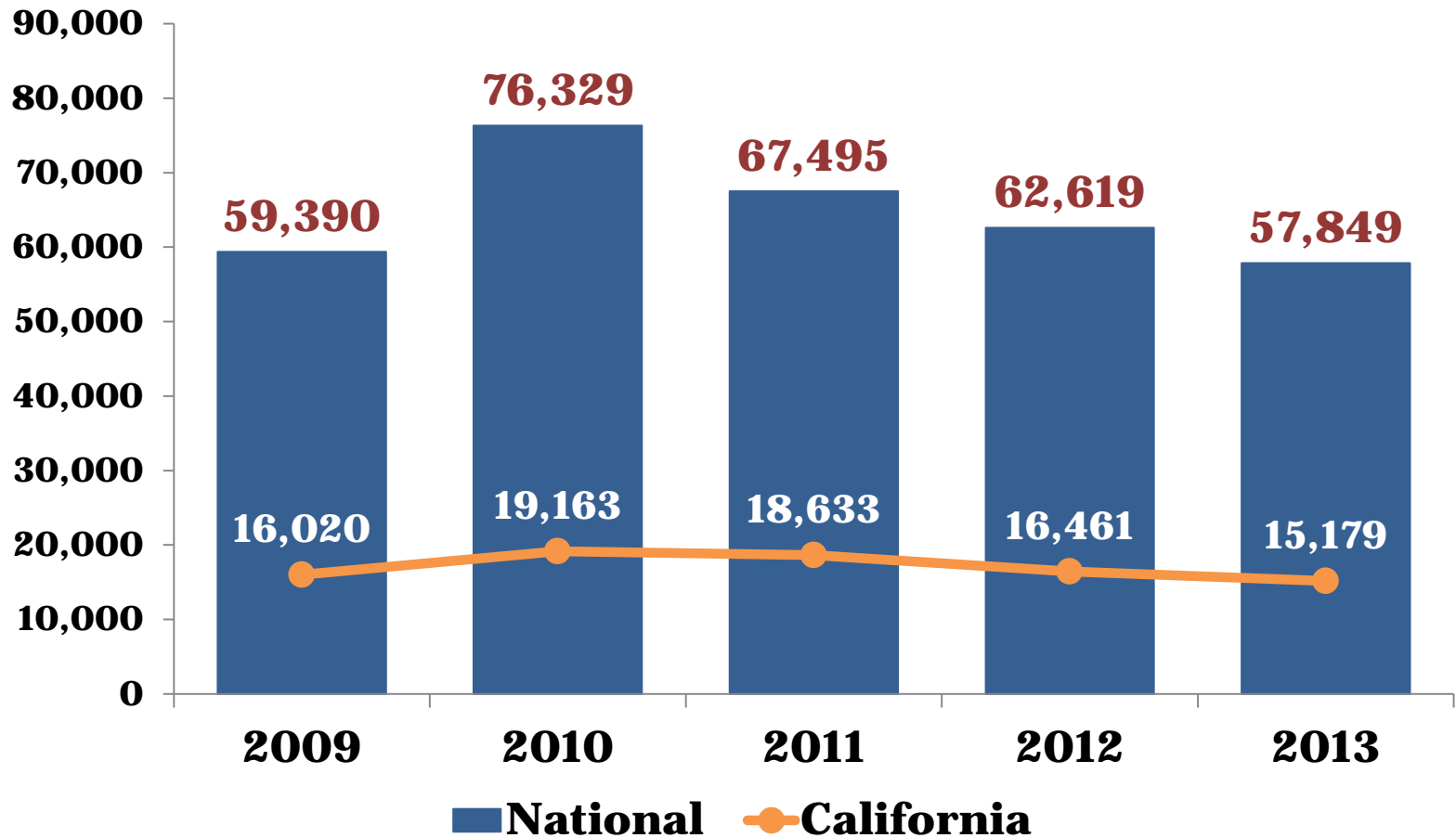


# Veterans Experiencing Homelessness: California and National Data and Trends





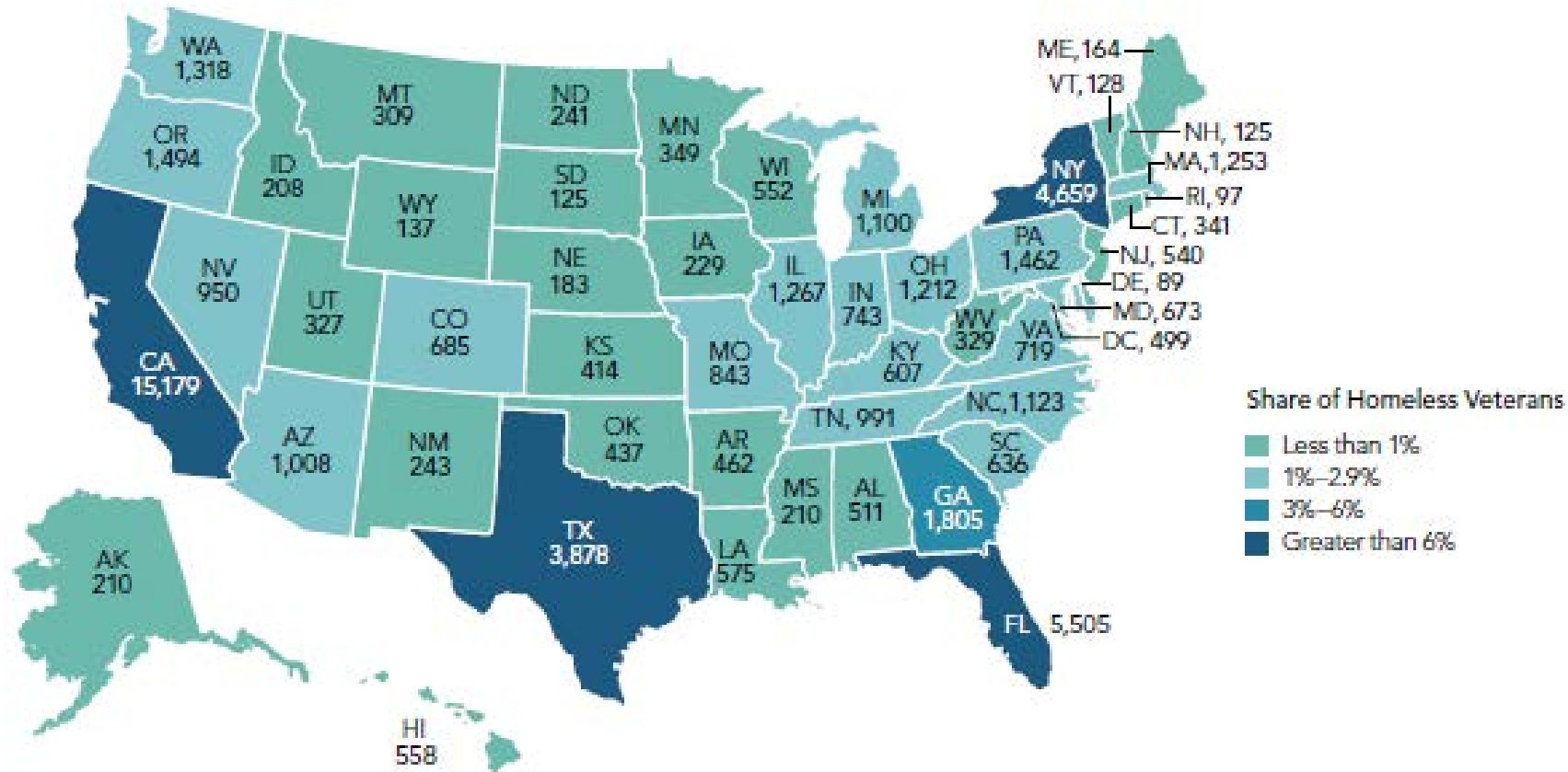
# Veterans Experiencing Homelessness: California and National Data







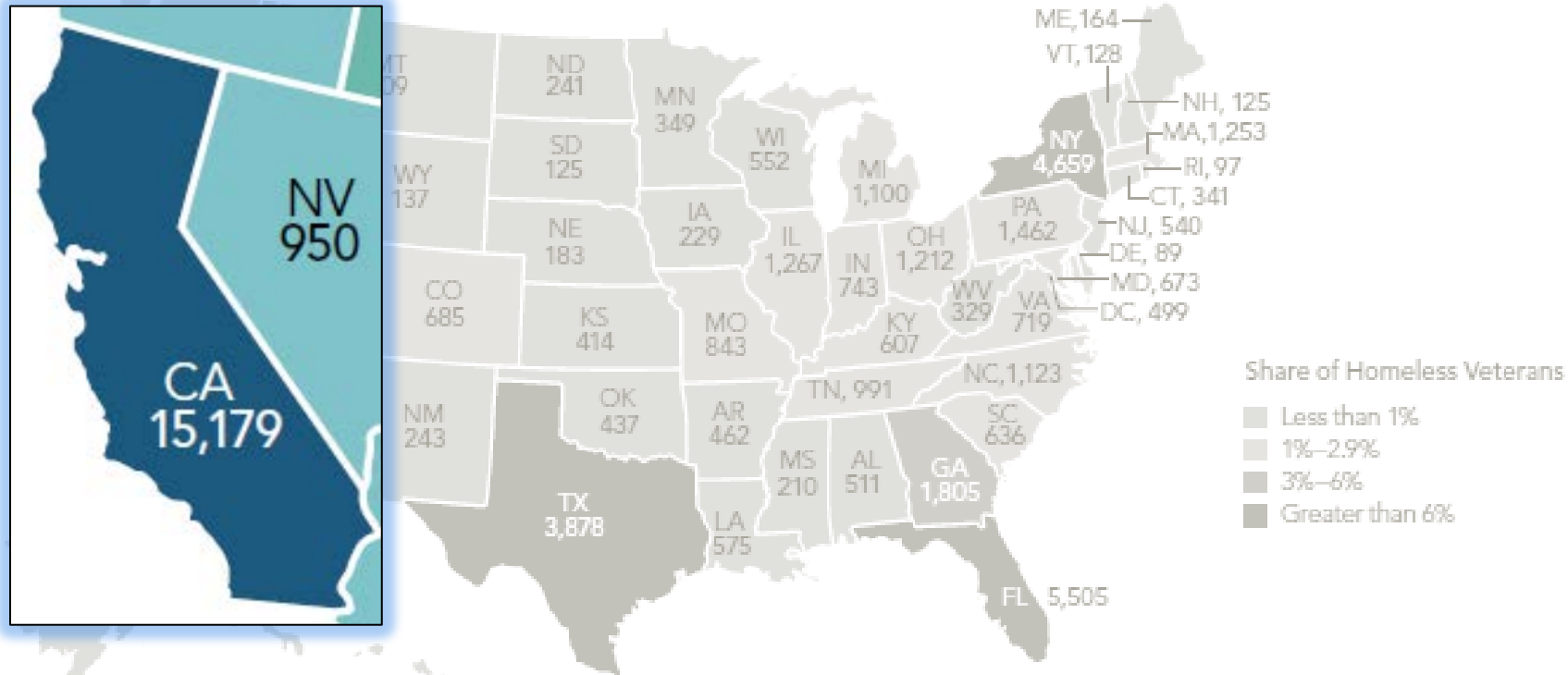
# Distribution of Veterans Experiencing Homelessness



Source: HUD 2013 AHAR



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# Veterans Experiencing Homelessness in California

- **26% of the nation's Veterans** who are experiencing homelessness live in California
- Compared to the rest of the country, people in California experiencing homelessness are **somewhat more likely to be Veterans (11% vs. 9%)**



# Veterans Experiencing Homelessness in California

- Between 2010 and 2013, California's count of Veterans experiencing homelessness **decreased by 21%, compared to a 24.2% decrease in the nation**
- Between 2012 and 2013 alone, California's count of Veterans experiencing homelessness **decreased by 7.8% while the nation's count decreased by 7.6%**

# Federal Programs, Strategies, and Resource Investments





# Key Housing Programs

- HUD-VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Vouchers and Services
- Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Grants
- Grant and Per Diem Program
- Continuum of Care and Mainstream Housing Programs



# Federal Strategies and Efforts

- Emphasis on Housing First strategies
- Rapid Results Boot Camps
- Supporting development of coordinated assessment systems, connecting VA programs
- VA Gap Analysis for all VA Medical Centers



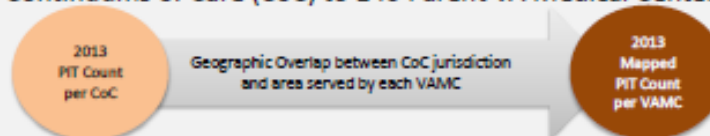
# Gap Analysis

## Gap Analysis Summary as of FY14 Q1

V22/Greater Los Angeles HCS

### Methodology

1. Conduct Geographic Analysis to map the 2013 Point in Time (PIT) Count from 420 Continuums of Care (CoC) to 140 Parent VA Medical Centers (VAMC)



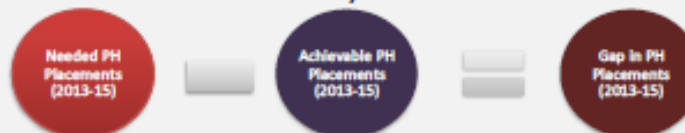
2. Use the mapped PIT Count to estimate total number of Homeless Veterans from 2013-2015 and identify the interventions they need to achieve Permanent Housing (PH)



3. Based on operational data from reporting systems, estimate the number of PH placements that can be achieved by each VAMC's assets. Leverage strategies to generate additional placements.



4. Identify the gap for each type of need and the total gap. The total gap calculation assumes that gaps in one need area can be covered by excess in another need area at the same site.





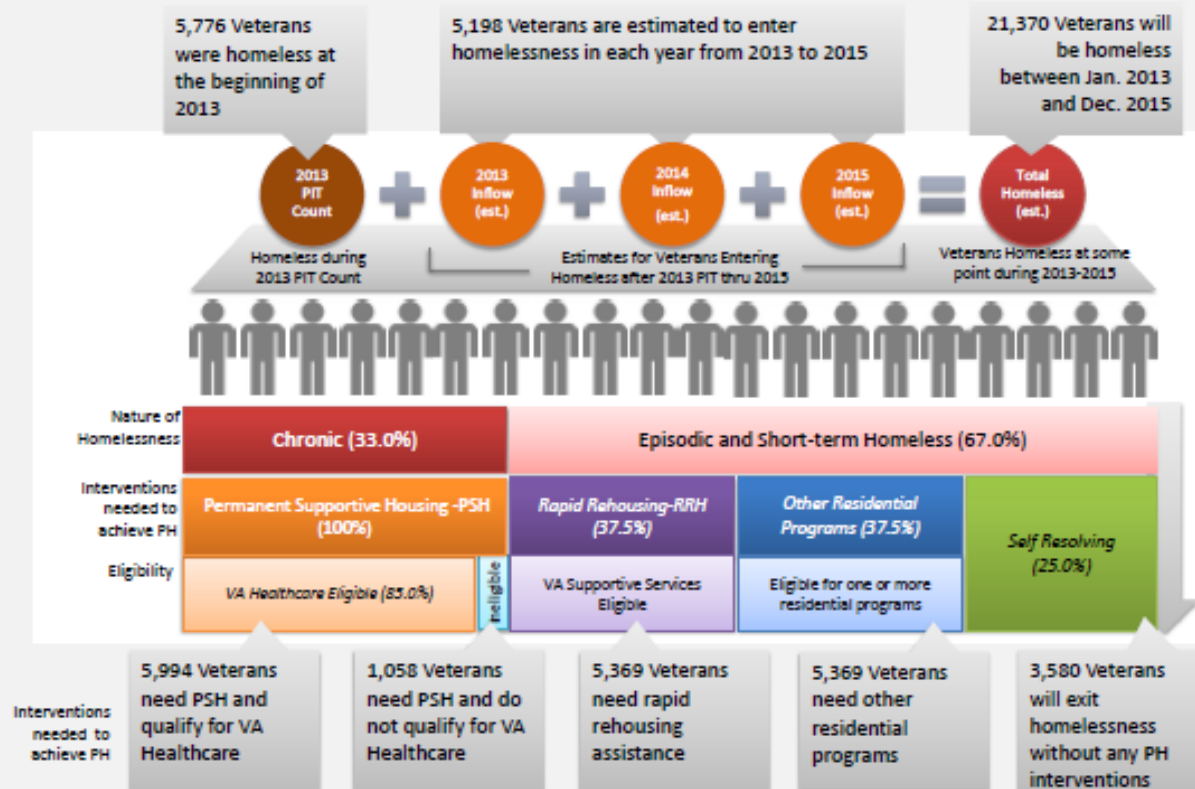


# Gap Analysis

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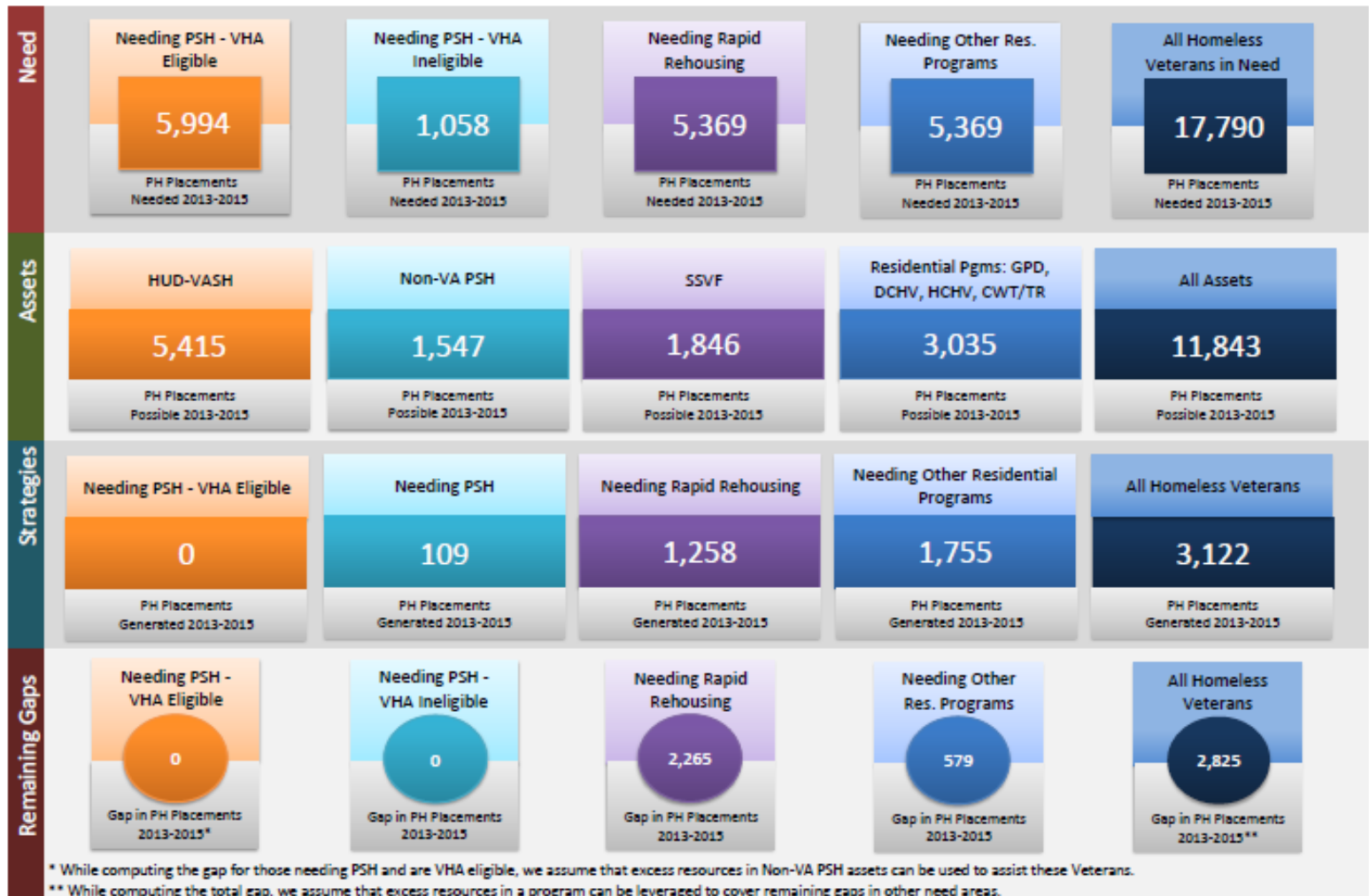
Annualization Multiplier is used to estimate the annual number of homeless Veterans for 2013 and future inflows based on the mapped 2013 PIT count.  
Future Inflow per year = 2013 Annualized Estimate - 2013 Mapped PIT Count.

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# Gap Analysis





# Investments into Housing

- HUD-VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Vouchers and Services
  - **10,000 vouchers for California** through FY 08 – 13 allocations, FY 14 allocations coming soon
- Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Grants
  - Current NOFA includes **\$96 million in NEW grants targeted for California** communities, PLUS renewals



# FY 2015 Budget Request



## United States Interagency Council on Homelessness

*Preventing and Ending Homelessness in the United States*

### **Proposed Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Fact Sheet: Homelessness Assistance**

President Obama's Fiscal Year 2015 Budget clearly demonstrates the high priority this Administration has for achieving to the goals of *Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness*. This year's budget proposal includes more than \$5.69 billion for targeted homeless assistance funding, a 12 percent increase over Fiscal Year 2014 appropriations. This fact sheet serves as an overview of the homeless assistance programs across the government.

The 2013 point-in-time count documented that *Opening Doors* is working and that this Administration, working in partnership with communities across the country, is changing the trajectory of homelessness. During the first three years since *Opening Doors* was launched, homelessness has declined overall, and homelessness among families was reduced by eight percent. Chronic homelessness has declined by 16 percent, and homelessness among Veterans has declined by 24 percent. The President's Budget request will provide the resources needed to reach the goals of ending homelessness among Veterans and chronic homelessness, and will sustain and advance progress on ending homelessness among families, youth, and children.

"The President's Budget includes historic investments to prevent and end homelessness," said incoming USICH Executive Director Laura Zeilinger. "Together, we have proven that investing in data-driven, evidence-based solutions to homelessness works on a national scale."



# FY 2015 Budget Request

- **\$1.64 billion** for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) programs that prevent or end homelessness among Veterans, **increase of 17.8 percent over the 2014 level**
- **\$500 million** for SSVF program, **up from \$300 million**
- \$321 million for VA case management and \$75 million in HUD funding for **10,000 additional HUD-VASH vouchers**

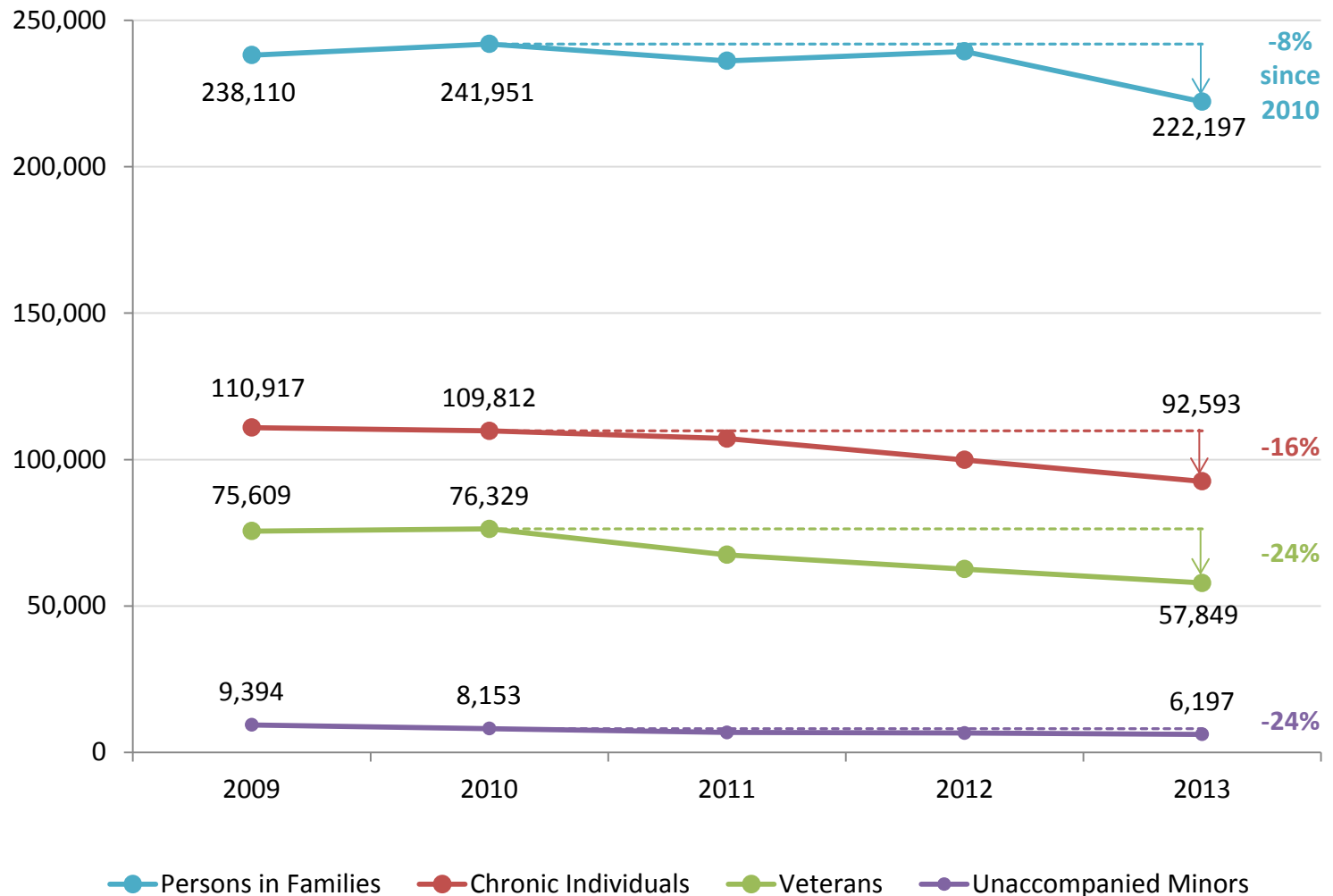


# FY 2015 Budget Request

- **\$2.4 billion** for Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Homeless Assistance Grants, **\$301 million above the 2014 enacted level**
- Maintains more than **330,000 HUD-funded beds and housing opportunities** nationwide.
- Enable nation to achieve the goal of ending chronic homelessness in 2016 through the **creation of 37,000 new permanent supportive housing opportunities**



# Point-in-Time Count Progress







# Stay Connected



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## An Energizing Council Meeting & New Ideas on Ending Homelessness Among Families

July 17, 2013

### Cabinet Secretaries Advance Efforts to End Family Homelessness

On July 9th, the Obama Administration convened a meeting to push forward its agenda to end homelessness. USICH Chair, VA Secretary Eric K. Shinseki, and Vice Chair, HUD Secretary Shaun



Donovan, met with other Council leaders including ED Secretary Arne Duncan and DOL Acting Secretary Seth Harris, USICH Executive Director Barbara J. Poppe, Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service Wendy Spencer, Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships Melissa Rogers, and representatives from 11 other member agencies. The group discussed ways to leverage opportunities created by the Affordable Care Act and ways to better serve families who are experiencing homelessness. Donna Seymour, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Warrior Care Policy at the Department of Defense, also updated the Council on DoD's efforts since the last Council meeting to coordinate transitions from active service to Veteran status for our



### FROM THE SOLUTIONS DATABASE

**Home Free** is a program of the Volunteers of America - Oregon designed to expand access to services among survivors of domestic violence facing housing instability.

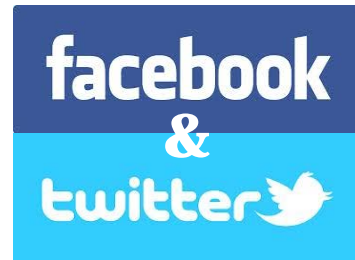
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## **AB 639 / Prop 41**

# **Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act of 2014**

Demographic considerations impacting housing  
program design for California Veterans  
Housing California - April 2014

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# Homeless Veteran Poverty, Age & Disability Profile

Affordability, building design, and program implications

## **POVERTY**

- Male Veterans living in poverty are twice as likely to experience homelessness as are non-veteran males.
- Female Veterans living in poverty are three times as likely to experience homelessness as are non-veteran females.

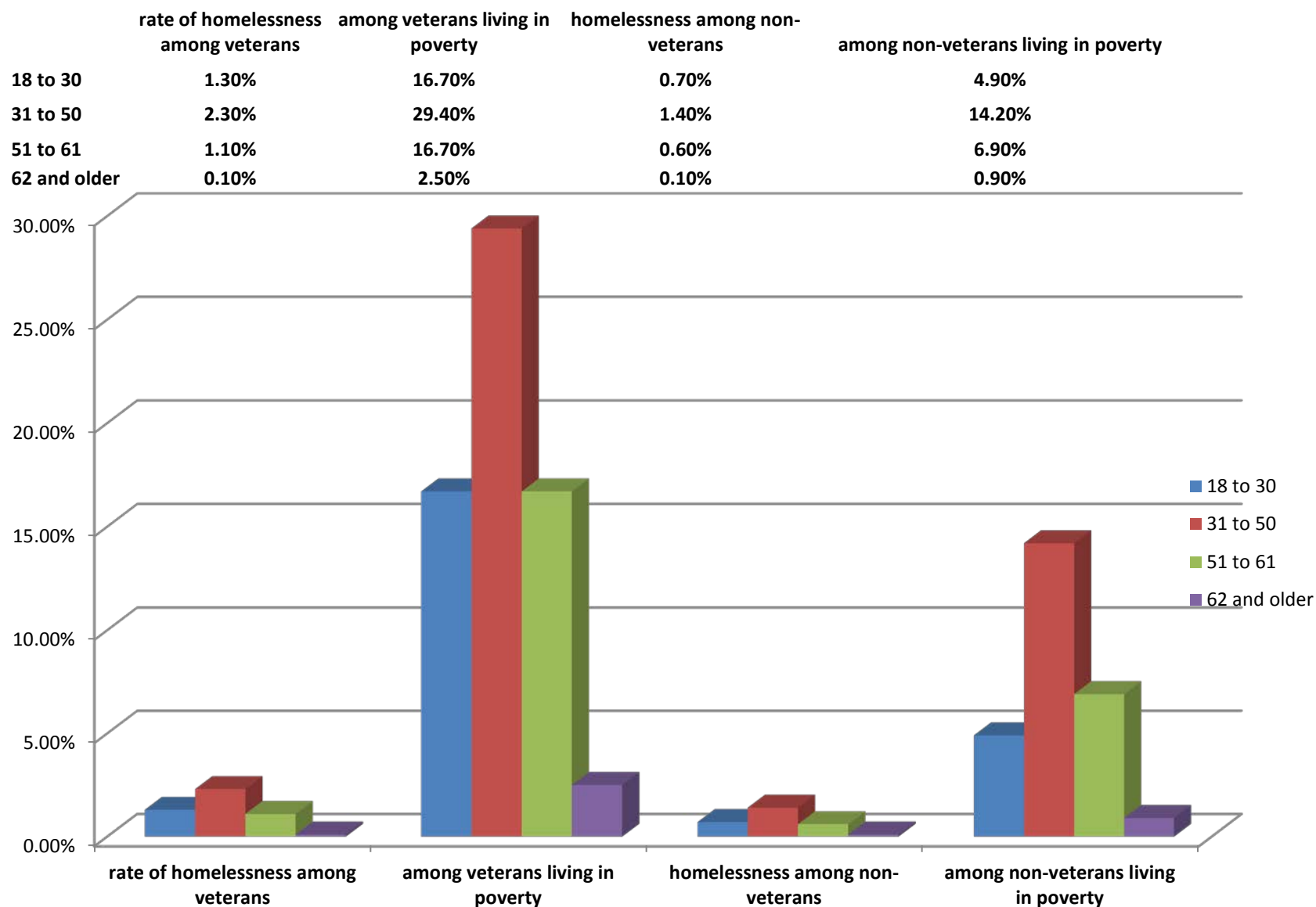
## **AGE**

- 47% of Homeless Veterans are aged 51 and above compared to 18.9% of non-Veteran Homeless.

## **DISABILITY**

- 51.9% of Homeless Veterans are disabled compared to 35.9% of non-Veteran Homeless.

# HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY AMONG VETERANS vs. NON-VETERANS

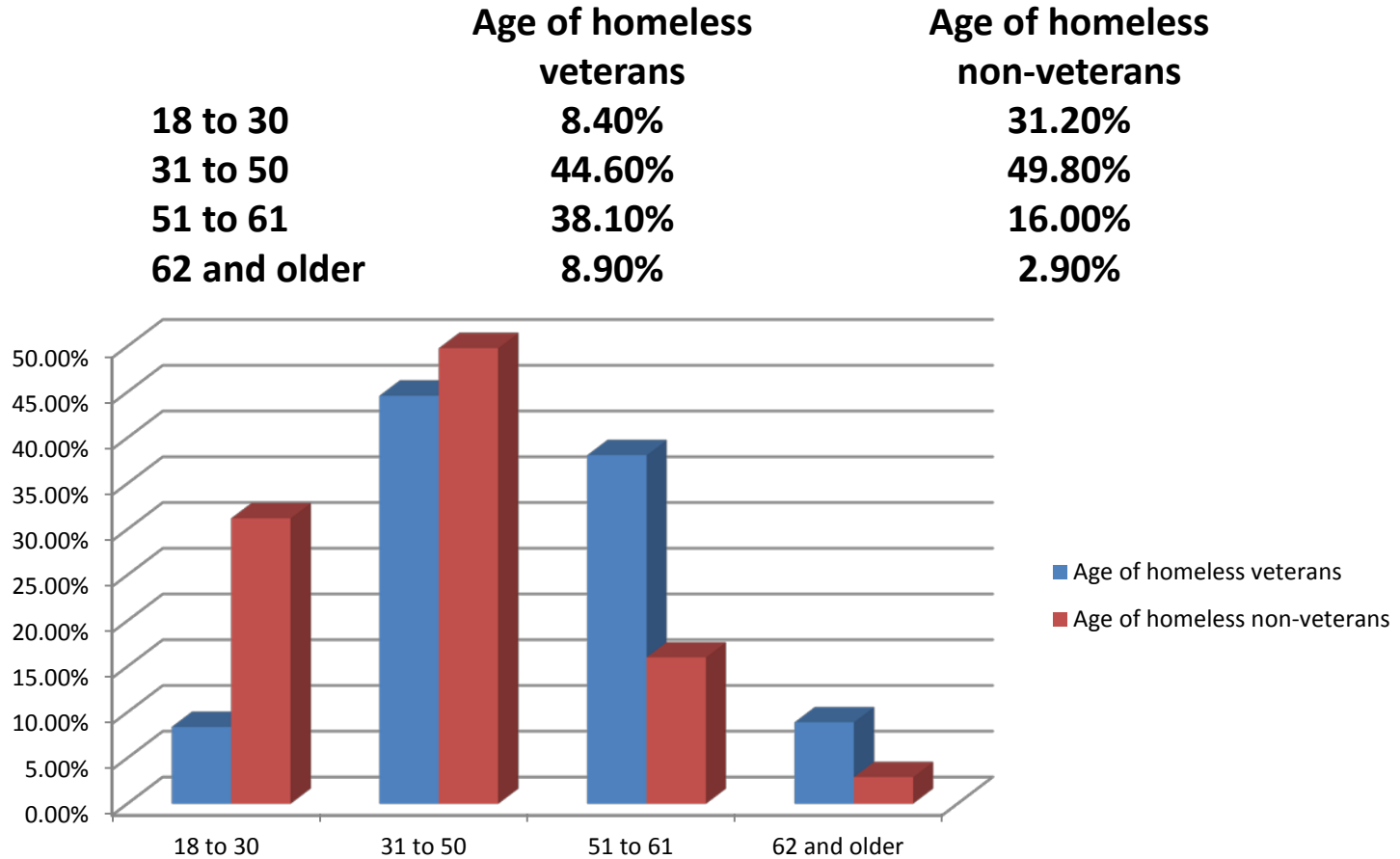


# Swords to Plowshares' Resident Profile: Income

## Current Permanent Supportive Housing Residents as % AMI

	Academy	Commons
• < 20%	78%	75%
• 20%	2%	15%
• 25%	5%	4%
• 30%	5%	3%
• 40%	9%	4%
• 50%	1%	0

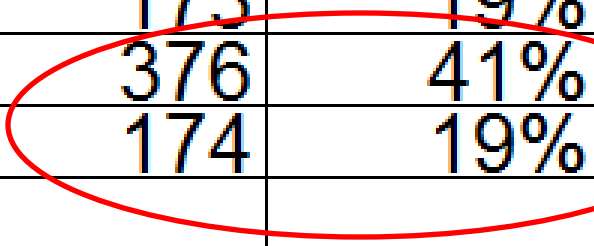
## AGE OF HOMELESS VETERANS vs. NON-VETERANS



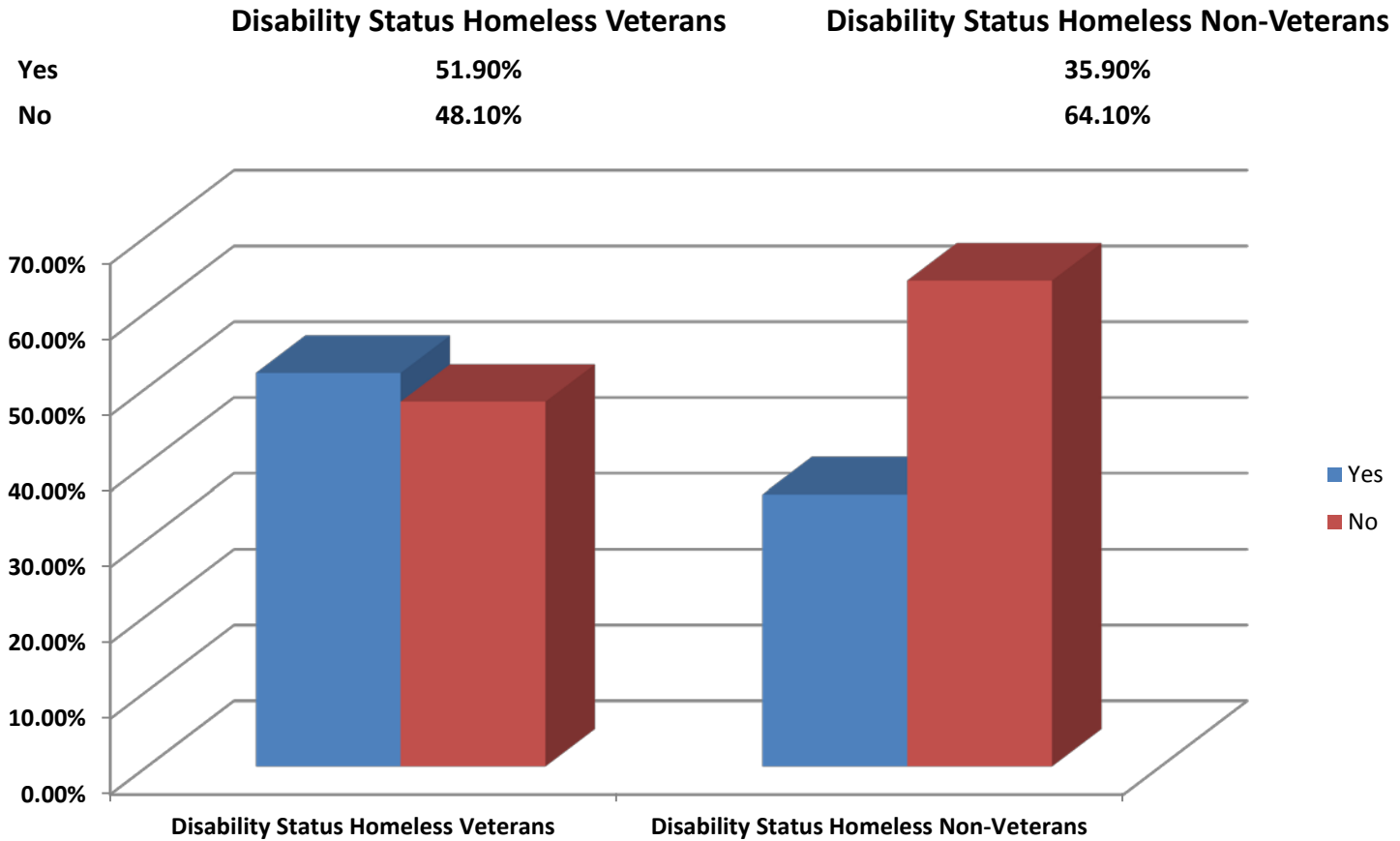
*Source: Veteran Homelessness: A Supplemental Report to the 2009 AHAR to Congress*

# Age Profile: Homeless Veteran clients served in San Francisco & Oakland 2013

<u>AGE</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Percent</u>
<25	24	3%
26-30	56	6%
31-40	121	13%
41-50	173	19%
51-60	376	41%
61 and over	174	19%
	922	100%



# Disability Among Homeless Veterans



*Source: Veteran Homelessness: A Supplemental Report to the 2009 AHAR to Congress*



# Resident Profile: Disability

## Current Permanent Supportive Housing Residents (100% Disabled)

	Academy	Commons*
– Physical Disability	50%	31%
– Mental Illness (Axis I)	64%	100%
– ETOH abuse/dependence	63%	56%
– Drug abuse/dependence	58%	63%
– HIV/AIDS	8%	6%
– Dual morbidities	75%	100%
• including triple morbidities	60%	81%

\* Shelter Plus Care only

- **Hospitalized Younger: Homeless veterans acquire serious aged related illnesses 10 – 18 years earlier than do their housed counterparts**

(Adams, Rosenheck, et al, 2007)

# Summing it up

In designing housing to end and prevent veteran homelessness, successful programs will create housing that is:

- Deeply affordable
- Appropriate for disabled individuals, and
- Appropriate for seniors

Keep in mind the current generation of veterans returning from Iraq & Afghanistan. This housing will need to meet their current and eventual needs.

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